

## **Guidelines for GRADING Substantial Conformance**

These Guidelines are for use in determining when actual ground grading is to be considered **NOT** in substantial conformance with an approved Grading Plan. These Guidelines are meant to help define the expectations for how final ground grading will occur. DPW reserves the right to hold specific areas within the graded area to higher tolerances than those listed below if circumstances warrant such action. Any changes that exceed any of these tolerances will require the Permittee to process a Plan Change prior to proceeding with the work. Should DPW Inspection Staff visually detect grading which appears to exceed these tolerances, the Permittee and/or the Supervising Engineer will be requested to verify the actual ground conditions, a Notice of Violation will be issued for grading outside the tolerances and may result in a Notice to Stop Work until a Plan Change is processed.

### **GRADING CHANGES THAT REQUIRE A PLAN CHANGE**

1. The grading footprint of the disturbed area measured in square feet exceeds that shown on the approved plans by more than 5% or 300 square feet (whichever is greater).
2. Actual grading quantities exceed those shown on the approved plans by more than 10% or 300 cubic yards (whichever is greater).
3. Internal slope heights/pad grades (cut or fill) differ from those shown on the approved plans by more than 2 feet (vertically).
4. Slope heights/pad grades (cut or fill) along the property line differ from those shown on the approved plans by more than 1 foot (vertically).
5. Any grading into stream or drainage thread, not shown on approved plan.
6. Any grading into any existing or proposed Open Space (including recreational), not shown on approved plan.
7. Any grading into Coastal Sage Scrub or within 250 feet of County mapped Coastal Sage Scrub, not shown on approved plan.
8. Installation of non-standard slope protection and/or planting for erosion control.
9. Significant new evidence has been discovered, such as sensitive habitat, vernal pools, unstable soils, etc., that restricts construction per the approved plans.
10. Lot grading that will require a lot line adjustment by more than 2 feet horizontally.
11. New or revised retaining structures or drainage facilities not as shown on approved plans.
12. Any grading offsite or into an existing easement not shown on approved plan.
13. Graded location of road has changed by more than 5 feet horizontally.
14. Graded elevation for road improvements has changed by more than 2 feet vertically.
15. Addition of new grading to support improvements or pads not shown on approved plans.
16. Changes that will cause significant changes in the grading operations, lot lines, or road easements.
17. Installation of utilities in roadways not shown on approved plans.
18. Any grading that will result in requiring a change to a final map.
19. Any addition or deletion of work that is subject to a condition of approval.